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Disclosure of the Invention

In order to attain the above object, this invention provides a manufacturing process of a stainless steel product by nitrogen absorption treatment, characterized by bringing a bulk product of ferritic stainless steel, which is made by melting, forming and machining into a desired shape, into contact with an inert gas containing nitrogen at or above 800°C to austenitize the product completely.

This invention also provides a stainless steel product characterized by having a completely austenitic structure formed by adding nitrogen through contact with an inert gas containing nitrogen to a bulk product of ferritic stainless steel which is made by melting, forming and machining into a desired shape.

The manufacturing process of a stainless steel product by nitrogen absorption treatment according to this invention and the stainless steel product thereby obtained will now be described in further detail with reference to examples.